



Tax Relief for Bridge Tolls Act

HOW IT WORKS

Commuters on Staten Island and South Brooklyn pay the highest toll rates in the country—this bill would provide the first of its kind relief from Congress.

The bill will allow you claim a credit for 50% of any money spent on tolls over \$1,000 yearly. For example, if you spend \$2,000 on tolls every year going back and forth over the Verrazano, you will be able to claim a credit for \$500.

BRIDGES THIS BILL APPLIES TO

The Outerbridge Crossing, the Goethals, the Bayonne Bridge, the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, and any bridge with a regular peak hour toll fee of \$11.00 or higher.

CURRENT COSTS FOR COMMUTERS

The E-ZPass price for the Verrazano is \$12.24. Commuters pay \$13.75 during peak hours and \$11.75 during off peak hours for the Goethals and Bayonne Bridges, and the Outerbridge Crossing.

Staten Island residents with an E-ZPass pay \$5.50 for the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge under the Staten Island Resident Discount Program. Enrolled commuters can pay a discounted toll of \$6.88 if they make three or more trips across the Staten Island Port Authority bridges in a month.

YEARLY COSTS FOR COMMUTERS

Staten Islanders and Brooklynites who commute via the Verrazano Monday through Friday every week during peak hours, without the discount or E-ZPass, pay a total of \$4,940 based on 260 working days in a year. Staten Island residents with the resident discount and an E-ZPass pay \$1,430 annually.

Commuters using the Port Authority bridges during peak hours without an E-ZPass pay \$4,160 yearly, while any commuter enrolled in the Staten Island Bridge Discount program who travels over these bridges more than three times in a month with an E-ZPass is charged \$1,788.80.

Brooklyn residents who cross the Verrazano each day pay \$4,940 if they do not have an E-ZPass and \$3,182.40 annually if they do have an E-ZPass.

HOW THIS BILL SAVES COMMUTERS MONEY

Staten Islanders with the Resident Discount who use the Verrazano once a day for 260 workdays pay \$1,430 annually could claim a **\$215 credit under this bill**.

Brooklynites that commute both ways over the Verrazano for 260 workdays with an E-ZPass pay \$3182.40 could claim a **\$1,091.20 credit under this bill**.